



# LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

**TO:** Chief Travis Forbes  
**FROM:** Captain C. Colyne  
**DATE:** 02/01/2019  
**RE:** 2018 Use of Force (UOF) Analysis

Chief Forbes,

Per General Order 100.03, an analysis of the 2018 Use of Force incidents was conducted. The purpose of this analysis was to reveal any patterns or trends that could be predictive or could indicate program effectiveness, training needs, equipment needs/upgrades, and/or policy modification needs.

The following charts provide a breakdown of the 66 Use of Force incidents Lee's Summit officers were involved in during 2018. Each chart includes the data from the previous three years for comparison purposes. This information was shared with the department's Defensive Tactics instructors and Sergeant. A summary, which includes their input, is included below the charts.

**Type of Event/Situation:** The 66 Use of Force encounters in 2018 occurred on 32 different types of calls for service, with the top two being Detention Situations with 7 occurrences and Mental Health calls with 6 occurrences. The Detention Situations include unruly prisoners and restraint chair uses.

| Type of Event/Situation     | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Accident Investigation      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Agency Assist               | 1    | 1    | 0    | 3    |
| Armed Disturbance           | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Assault                     | 2    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Assault-CIT                 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Assist Another Agency       | 1    | 0    | 0    | 3    |
| Assist on Arrest            | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Attempt to Jump/Moving Veh. | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Bicycle Check               | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Burglary                    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0    |
| C & I Driver                | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Car Stop                    | 3    | 3    | 1    | 4    |
| Check Welfare               | 1    | 2    | 1    | 2    |
| CIT/Runaway Juvenile        | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Crash                       | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Detention Processing        | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Detention Situation         | 12   | 12   | 6    | 7    |
| Disturbance                 | 11   | 6    | 4    | 4    |

|                              |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Disturbance - Noise          | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disturbance - Physical       | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Domestic Assault/Child Abuse | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Domestic Disturbance         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Domestic Violence            | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| DWI                          | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| DWI/Car Stop                 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DWI Checkpoint               | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| DWI MVA                      | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Fraud                        | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fleeing                      | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Impaired Subject             | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Intoxicated Party            | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| K9 Track                     | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mental Health                | 7 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Motorist Assist              | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Noise Complaint              | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Pedestrian Check             | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Physical Disturbance         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Prowler                      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Property Damage              | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Protective Custody           | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Pursuit                      | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Residence Check              | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Robbery                      | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Runaway                      | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Search Warrant               | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Shoplifting                  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Stealing                     | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Stealing in Progress         | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Stealing/Assault in Progress | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Stolen Auto                  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stolen Property              | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suicidal Party               | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Suicidal Party - Armed       | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Suspicious Party             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Suspicious Vehicle           | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Traffic Stop                 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Transport Prisoner           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transport to Hospital        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trespassing                  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Unresponsive Person          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unruly Detainee              | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vehicle/Ped Check            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Vehicle Crash                | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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|-----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Vehicle Check   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Warrant Service | 1  | 1  | 2  | 0  |
| TOTAL           | 74 | 49 | 46 | 66 |

**Type of Action/Force Used:** During the 66 Use of Force encounters in 2018, officers utilized a total of 24 different types of actions, with the most prevalent being Joint Locks (29). The second most common application was Balance Displacement with 28 occurrences, which is in sharp contrast with 2017 (12 occurrences). While Defensive Tactics instructors do not focus a rigidly on Balance Displacement techniques, they do still fall within policy and are utilized by officers on a regular basis. It may be necessary to revisit this course of training in the 2019 lesson plans, to ensure they are being applied correctly.

| Action/Force Taken    | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Arm Bar               | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Arm Lock              | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Balance Displacement  | 31   | 20   | 12   | 28   |
| Baton                 | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    |
| Clamp                 | 2    | 2    | 3    | 4    |
| Empty Hand            | 0    | 0    | 2    | 6    |
| Fist Strike (Face)    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Grabbed Arm           | 0    | 2    | 1    | 1    |
| Handcuffs             | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    |
| Handcuff Manipulation | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Helmet                | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Joint Lock            | 14   | 4    | 17   | 29   |
| K-9 Bite              | 5    | 1    | 4    | 2    |
| K-9 Released          | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Kicked Door Open      | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Leg Lock              | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Leg Irons             | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Leg Restraints        | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Leg Sweep             | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| LVNR Level 1          | 1    | 4    | 1    | 5    |
| LVNR Level 2          | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    |
| LVNR Level 3          | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Physically Restrained | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Physical Force        | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3    |
| Pressure Points       | 0    | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Pulling               | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Pursuits              | 4    | 1    | 4    | 0    |
| Restraint Chair       | 18   | 11   | 9    | 8    |
| Shackles              | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    |
| Soft Empty Hand       | 1    | 1    | 1    | 5    |
| Spit Hood             | 1    | 2    | 3    | 2    |

|                   |     |    |    |     |
|-------------------|-----|----|----|-----|
| Stop Sticks       | 1   | 1  | 0  | 8   |
| Strikes           | 2   | 6  | 1  | 4   |
| Taser             | 16  | 9  | 8  | 9   |
| Weapon Discharged | 0   | 1  | 2  | 0   |
| Wrap              | 23  | 12 | 18 | 24  |
| Wrist Locks       | 1   | 6  | 0  | 0   |
| TOTAL             | 126 | 93 | 93 | 148 |

**Reason for Use of Force:** Eight reasons for the application of force were given in the 66 UOF occurrences, with the most prevalent being to maintain/regain control of a subject (31), followed by restraining a subject for safety with 14. While “maintain/regain control of a subject” could indicate officers are not being cautious or assessing risk appropriately, the situations are most likely related to an officer attempting to detain someone, who then pulls away and flees. While offenders sometimes offer behavioral clues that they could flee or be aggressive, they also escalate situations with little to no warning.

| Reason For Force                     | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Active Aggression                    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Active Resistance                    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Affect Arrest                        | 6    | 9    | 3    | 11   |
| Agency Assist                        | 1    | 1    | 0    | 2    |
| Aggravated Active Aggression         | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Assault on Officer                   | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Defend Another                       | 1    | 0    | 2    | 0    |
| Defend Another Officer               | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Defend K9 Handler                    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Defend Self                          | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Effect Arrest                        | 6    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Felony                               | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Fled Scene                           | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Fleeing                              | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Maintain / Regain Control of Subject | 31   | 24   | 27   | 31   |
| Officer Safety                       | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Prevent Escape                       | 1    | 0    | 1    | 3    |
| Restrain Subject for Safety          | 11   | 11   | 8    | 14   |
| Subject Displays Violent Behavior    | 8    | 3    | 1    | 3    |
| Suspected DUI/DWI                    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Verbal Non Compliance                | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| TOTAL                                | 74   | 49   | 46   | 0    |

**Danger/Risk Factor:** 46 Incidents - 33 Subjects were using Drugs, Alcohol, and/or had Mental Health Issues

This represents the majority of individuals involved in UOF, which are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, as well as mental health issues. The difficult situation in this category is to determine when drugs, alcohol, and mental illness are combined to determine if one factor offers a greater risk.

| Danger/Risk Factor                                   | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Agency Assist  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Drugs / Narcotics                                    | 6    | 2    | 6    | 0    |
| Drug/Narcotics/Enraged                               | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3    |
| Drug / Narcotic / Intoxicated                        | 3    | 3    | 1    | 1    |
| Enraged  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 8    |
| Intoxicated  | 5    | 12   | 10   | 13   |
| Intoxicated/Enraged                                  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 5    |
| Intoxicated/Drugs                                    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    |
| Intoxicated/Enraged/Drugs                            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    |
| Mentally Disturbed                                   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 6    |
| Intoxicated/Mentally Disturbed                       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Drug/Narcotics/Mentally Disturbed                    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Intoxicated / Drugs / Narcotics / Mentally Disturbed | 23   | 8    | 5    | 1    |
| Enraged/Drugs/Mentally Disturbed                     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| Enraged / Mentally Disturbed                         | 21   | 19   | 11   | 8    |
| Normal   | 11   | 4    | 9    | 9    |
| Not Stated   | 4    | 1    | 1    | 3    |
| Pursuit  | 1    | 0    | 3    | 1    |
| TOTAL  | 74   | 49   | 46   | 66   |

**Subject's Gender:** 46 Incidents – 28 males / 16 females and 2 not stated.

During 2017, UOF was used on males 61% of the time and females 35% of the time, as compared to males 82%, females 14% in 2016 and males 69% of the time and females 28% of the time in 2015.

| GENDER     | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|
| Male       | 52   | 42   | 28   | 46   |
| Female     | 21   | 6    | 16   | 16   |
| Not Stated | 1    | 1    | 2    | 6    |
| TOTAL      | 74   | 49   | 46   | 66   |

**Subject's Race:** 46 Incidents - 46 Different Subjects Involved, 2 subjects are not stated under the category. During 2017, UOF based on race was broke down to represent 63% of subjects were White, 33% of subjects were African American, and 4% were not stated. This compares to White at 55%, African American 37%, Hispanic at 2%, and not stated at 4% in 2016 and 2015 which represented White at 65%, African American 26%, and Hispanic at 4% of the time.

| Subject's Race   | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| African American | 20   | 18   | 15   | 16   |
| American Indian  | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Asian            | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    |
| Hispanic         | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Not Stated       | 1    | 1    | 2    | 5    |
| Unknown/Other    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    |

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|-------|----|----|----|----|
| White | 48 | 27 | 29 | 43 |
| TOTAL | 74 | 49 | 46 | 66 |

**Subject's Age:** 46 Incidents – 46 Different Subjects Involved, 2 subjects are listed under the category of “unknown age.” Reviewing the UOF by age, the obvious group of individuals during 2017 was in the age range between 18-25 years of age. The last three years, individuals between 18-45 are the main group of subjects involved in UOF by officers.

| Age         | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|
| Juveniles   | 8    | 3    | 8    | 12   |
| 18-25       | 17   | 16   | 15   | 23   |
| 26-35       | 24   | 12   | 12   | 15   |
| 36-45       | 17   | 14   | 7    | 7    |
| 46-55       | 4    | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| 56-65       | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    |
| Over 65     | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Unknown Age | 2    | 1    | 2    | 5    |
| TOTAL       | 74   | 49   | 46   | 66   |

**District:** District 3, which is where the detention unit is located, accounted for the most UOF occurrences in 2018, with District 6 second. This is consistent with previous years.

| District   | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|
| 1          | 8    | 3    | 2    | 4    |
| 2          | 4    | 2    | 0    | 3    |
| 3          | 28   | 17   | 10   | 17   |
| 4          | 5    | 3    | 4    | 6    |
| 5          | 3    | 2    | 6    | 6    |
| 6          | 13   | 8    | 13   | 10   |
| 7          | 6    | 7    | 7    | 8    |
| 8          | 5    | 2    | 1    | 2    |
| 9          | 1    | 1    | 1    | 4    |
| 10         | 1    | 2    | 1    | 0    |
| Not LS     | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Not Stated | 0    | 1    | 1    | 6    |
| TOTAL      | 74   | 49   | 46   | 66   |

**Day of the Week:** In 2018, Friday through Sunday resulted in the majority of the UOF encounters. The weekends are typically the busiest for patrol, with a number of disturbances, mental health contacts and alcohol related calls for service. As demonstrated earlier, intoxication and mental health were the two biggest risk factors experienced by officers during UOF encounters in 2018.

| Day of the Week | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Sunday          | 9    | 8    | 2    | 10   |
| Monday          | 5    | 10   | 7    | 6    |
| Tuesday         | 9    | 2    | 6    | 5    |
| Wednesday       | 16   | 5    | 10   | 8    |
| Thursday        | 9    | 10   | 6    | 8    |
| Friday          | 11   | 8    | 10   | 12   |
| Saturday        | 15   | 6    | 5    | 17   |
| TOTAL           | 74   | 49   | 46   | 66   |

**Time of Day:** Analysis reveals that the majority of the UOF events occurred between 1400 hours and 0200 hours, which is consistent with the statistics from 2015-2017.

| Time of Day | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|
| 0000 – 0100 | 6    | 5    | 2    | 6    |
| 0100 – 0200 | 5    | 2    | 3    | 8    |
| 0200 – 0300 | 3    | 3    | 2    | 3    |
| 0300 – 0400 | 2    | 0    | 2    | 1    |
| 0400 – 0500 | 2    | 3    | 1    | 1    |
| 0500 – 0600 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    |
| 0600 – 0700 | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    |
| 0700 – 0800 | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    |
| 0800 – 0900 | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| 0900 – 1000 | 3    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| 1000 – 1100 | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| 1100 – 1200 | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| 1200 – 1300 | 2    | 1    | 3    | 0    |
| 1300 – 1400 | 2    | 2    | 1    | 0    |
| 1400 – 1500 | 3    | 2    | 5    | 2    |
| 1500 – 1600 | 1    | 3    | 0    | 3    |
| 1600 – 1700 | 4    | 1    | 3    | 1    |
| 1700 – 1800 | 4    | 5    | 1    | 5    |
| 1800 – 1900 | 1    | 3    | 1    | 2    |
| 1900 – 2000 | 8    | 2    | 0    | 4    |
| 2000 – 2100 | 8    | 2    | 0    | 6    |
| 2100 – 2200 | 4    | 4    | 4    | 6    |
| 2200 – 2300 | 6    | 4    | 6    | 3    |
| 2300 – 2400 | 6    | 3    | 4    | 8    |
| Unknown     | 2    | 1    | 1    | 0    |
| TOTAL       | 74   | 49   | 46   | 66   |



**Assault on Law Enforcement:** Analysis reveals that 45 total assault charges against law enforcement/detention officers were filed in 2018 in 24 separate events. Of the 24 events, 6 resulted in state charges. No juveniles were reported to have assaulted officers or detention officers, and no other civilian employees were listed as victims in any reports. While the number appears to have nearly doubled in 2018, it is important to note that in several of the events, the defendant assaulted multiple officers. For example, two events (18-2645 and 18-10346) accounted for 12 charges of Assault LEO or Assault DTO. Taking that into consideration, the number of total events was essentially the same as it was in 2017.

| Assault on Employees              | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Assault on LEO - CITY             | 23   | 12   | 12   | 34   |
| Assault on DTO - CITY             | 0    | 0    | 2    | 5    |
| Assault on LEO - STATE            | 3    | 1    | 6    | 6    |
| Assault on DTO - STATE            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Assault on LEO - Juvenile Suspect | 0    | 3    | 3    | 0    |
| Assault on DTO - Juvenile Suspect | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| TOTAL                             | 26   | 16   | 23   | 45   |

### Summary

As indicated in the charts above, Lee's Summit Officers were involved in 66 UOF incidents in 2018 on 32 different types of calls for service. This was an increase from 2017 by 20 incidents. The two biggest risk factors remained intoxication and mental health, which are two of the most difficult calls for service for officers to verbally de-escalate.

Analysis also revealed an increase in the number of subjects charged with Assault on Law Enforcement, but further investigation revealed that two incidents accounted for 12 total charges.

This report has been shared with the departments Defensive Tactics instructors and supervisors in order to review current lesson plans and training procedures.

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